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1. A secret conference of top Communist Party of India (CPI) leaders has been scheduled for the end of May or early June, to be held at Chinchawad Village in the Poona District. The exact date of the conference has not so far been settled, owing to the difficulty of contacting all Central Executive Committee members.
2. Informants close to the party high command attach great importance to the conference, as they expect a total reorientation of CPI policy, to be initiated by B. T. Ranadive, party general secretary, as well as a final decision on the course and program for a uniform all-India policy for the future. Central Executive Committee leaders, chairmen of all provincial committees and general commanders of all action councils are expected to attend the conference. There is no indication that trade union representatives, as such, will be invited.
3. A representative of the Communist Party of Ceylon is expected to attend the conference. A messenger of the CEC left for Ceylon in early March and at present is reported to be staying at 85 Kottah Road, Colombo. The Ceylon representative will bring a memorandum from one Mr. M. Kumaran Ratnam of the Communist Party of Ceylon, supporting B. T. Ranadive's present policy.
4. S. S. Melvankar\* of the AITUC strongly advised Ranadive to call the conference in question in view of the feeling among the rank and file that the high command of the CPI is lagging behind, compared to the progressive achievements of Communist parties in other countries. Melvankar represented India in the last Trade Union Congress held at Peiping. Although the Peiping conference was supposed to be a conference of trade union representatives, it was attended and guided by Soviet experts. Melvankar received clear directions as to present CPI policy, i.e., the slackness of the Indian high command in not keeping in line with the progress of other branches of the party is very much regretted by outside authorities. In their view Ranadive's policy, which has been on trial for the last two years, has

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failed to produce satisfactory results. The CPI is charged with a great blundering in failing to mobilize the Indian working class in preparation for a final revolutionary struggle. The formation of the Sane group (Maharashtra) and the Joshi group in opposition, the muddle in Andhra, the present certainty of loss of support for Kanadive in Bombay, and the recent challenge to the leadership of the Communist-sponsored trade unions by Congress-sponsored,--all these are pointed out as the defective results of Kanadive's policy. Melvankar was advised in Peiping that now is not the time for the passing of flowery stream-lined resolutions, but the time for action.

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5. [REDACTED] believes that the CPI conference in question will arrive at decisions in line with the suggestions made to Melvankar at the Peiping conference.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. May be identical with Shankar Shelvankar.

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